

Villa Is Slow to Attack Torreon

Rebel Leader Prepares to Return South to Direct the Battle.

Francisco Villa may leave Juarez tonight or tomorrow, taking with him several hundred soldiers of the Zaratoga brigade. The "Constitutionalist" leader never announced the time of his departure or arrival anywhere until an hour or two before he acts, and sometimes not then. "When a man is playing the game of hide-and-seek, he cannot tell his plans beforehand."

Says Huertistas Are Desperate. "I expect to capture Torreon, but will make no proclamation as to the length of time it will take to do it," he said today. "The Huertistas are desperate and they are evidently concentrating every available man at Torreon. It will probably be the hardest battle of the revolution, but it will have only one ending—a victory for the 'Constitutionalist' cause. We will have 8000 or 10,000 more men in the field than the federalists, and our forces will fight. Ojinaga showed that the same cannot always be said of the enemy."

FEDERALS CHARGE U. S. IS UNFAIR

Say Raul Madero Is Permitted to Visit El Paso at Will While Federal Officers Are Arrested on Sight.

Mexican federal sympathizers in El Paso are charging that the United States army is playing favorites in the Mexican revolution. They say that Raul Madero, a cousin of Villa's, and his military adviser at Ojinaga and in Chihuahua, spend most of his time in El Paso, attend the country club, dance, where the army officers live, and that he even attended the polo games between the army teams at Washington park and sat near Hugh H. Scott. This is a discrimination in favor of Villa's officers and against the federal officers, the federal sympathizers claim.

NEW UNIFORM IS DONNED BY VILLA

Villa has a new uniform. It is of soft olive drab cloth with patch pockets and cap with a Mexican eagle holding a snake in its beak embroidered on the front of the cap. Villa ordered the uniform from a contractor in El Paso and wore it for the first time when Gen. W. C. McDonald called on him.

Mrs. Villa is said to be not pleased with the outfit and Villa hastened to assure her that he expected to wear it only on state occasions. In the field, he promised to stick to the suit in which he has been so much photographed.

The new uniform which Villa has made does not improve the appearance of the rebel leader. He loses his individuality and his striking appearance and assumes the cut and fitted look of every federal army soldier now wearing outside of the Fort Bliss prison camp.

Villa was pleased when told of the outfit of the federal army. He was especially pleased with the ending of the sketch when "Huerta" was chased off the stage of action by "Villa."

GUAYMAS FEDERALS REVOLT, REBELS SAY

Culiacan, Mex., Feb. 2.—According to Gen. Obregon, commanding the rebel forces before Guaymas, between 400 and 500 federal soldiers who were at San Jose de Guaymas, and 50 of them, with several officers, deserted and joined the insurgent camp at Cruz de Piedras.

Heavy firing began on Saturday in the vicinity of Caro Prieto, another outlying town, but it was asserted that the insurgent outposts took no part in the fighting. Continued rifle firing and cannonading indicated that the federal forces were engaged in a combat among themselves.

Many rumors were current that General Ojeda's troops are preparing to embark for points down the coast still held by the Huerta forces.

CARRANZA COMING IN AUTO TO JUAREZ

Gen. Venustiano Carranza, supreme head of the "Constitutionalist" revolution who is expected to arrive in Juarez about the middle of the month from Hermosillo, Sonora, will make the trip overland by automobile from Naco, Sonora, to Cuernavaca, Mexico, where he will board a Mexico North Western train for Juarez.

By the time he reaches Juarez, Gen. Pancho Villa will have returned to Chihuahua, so there will be no meeting in Juarez of the two leading figures of the revolution. Carranza will probably proceed to Chihuahua from Juarez to establish his provisional capital. A big reception will be held in Juarez in honor of Carranza.

CANTU IS RELEASED ON DEMAND OF U. S.

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 2.—Samuel Cantu is again on American soil. The Mexican merchant, alleged to have been kidnapped from American soil and consigned to death in Nuevo Laredo, Mex., was turned over to United States consular agent at Nuevo Laredo Sunday. He lost no time in crossing to the American side.

The United States government had demanded his release after receiving representations that he had been kidnapped and taken into Mexico. The nature of the charges against him was not made public.

REQUENA AND VILLAR TO LEAVE MEXICO

Mexico City, Mex., Feb. 2.—Having agreed to leave the country, it is understood Jose Luis Requena, chief of the Felix Diaz organization, and Pedro Villar have been released from custody today. They were arrested late Saturday on the charge of complicity in a plot against the government.

REBELS TAKE TOWN IN COAHUILA, REPORT SAYS

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Rebels have taken the town of Mexiquillo, Coahuila, from a force of federalists, according to a report received here from "Constitutionalist" sources. Among the prisoners taken, it is stated, were Col. Salcon, Andres Garza Galan and Miguel Carbanza.

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REBEL ARMY IS READY FOR THE ADVANCE

Only Waiting Word From Villa to Attack Torreon, Federal Fortress.

FEDERAL MONEY IS OUTLAWED

(By Associated Press.)

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, Feb. 2.—Uncertain as to when they will be ordered to begin the attack on the federal army at Torreon, the scene of the most important military conflict in Mexico, 10,000 rebels mobilized at Jimenez and along the railroad south of there, await the coming of Gen. Francisco Villa.

With their forces drawing in from the south, west and east of Torreon, and with the troops mobilized to the north, the rebel general expects that they will attack the city with a total strength of 15,000. The rebel army is under the command of five brigades, including Maclovio Herrera, Rosalia Hernandez and Toribio Ortega, with Pancho Villa commanding the division and while their main body is still more than 100 miles north of Torreon, their advance guards are said to extend to within a few miles of the city. About 40 field pieces and great quantities of ammunition have been shipped southward in readiness for the attack.

Against the rebels the federal garrison under Gen. Refugio Velasco has a formidable defense as their means will permit. The federal strength is estimated by the rebels at from 10,000 to 15,000 men. It is expected that the rebels will outnumber the federalists at least two to one. Gen. Velasco's soldiers, however, have the advantage of positions and are said to be supplied with superior artillery.

Important Place. Torreon, with 20,000 population, an important railroad center and the industrial seat of the Laguna cotton district, is the largest city in the state and shoe factory in Mexico, has a natural defense to the west. It is flanked on the west by a series of hills and a sweeping command over the city, ever a river to the north and over the flat Laguna district eastward, the federalists have planted their cannon. One hill in particular, known as La Cruz, has been converted into a veritable fort, bristling with long range guns. It will be for the possession of these hills that the preliminary battle will be fought, for, in the opinion of the rebels, neither side without the hills could hold the town.

Federalists Baffled Up. In case of defeat, the federalists ordinarily would follow the railroad southward to Zacatecas or eastward to Saltillo, but the rebels operating in these districts have been ordered to cut off, if possible, railroad communication in both directions and to completely bottle Torreon before the attack begins. Because of these preliminaries it is likely that the attack on the city will be deferred for some days.

Villa, Herrera and Ortega have had previous experience in attacks on Torreon. The city has changed hands several times. In the Madero revolution attention was attracted to Torreon because of the massacre there of several hundred Chinese, when Madero's rebels took the place.

Currency Declared Counterfeit. Currency issued by the bank of Sonora, the bank of Mexico and other banks established under the Diaz regime, will be treated as counterfeit money after Feb. 10, under a decree issued by the rebel government. The free and unlimited coinage of silver will be offered as a means of providing ample money.

The embargo against the old bank currency, which is frowned upon as a survival of the despotic days, when the Coahuila and Terrazas were in power, will render worthless in the rebel territory millions of dollars in paper money. The circulation of all paper of individuals and corporations is prohibited after today.

A mint has been established for the coinage of silver bearing the "Constitutionalist" stamp. The offer of free coinage will be extended to all bullion owners, but it has not been indicated to what extent the offer will be accepted.

The rebel government already is in possession of much bullion which will be coined to enrich the treasury.

Rebels as Butchers. While exorbitant prices are asked for food products in Chihuahua, the rebels have assumed control of the beef supply and are selling it at six cents a pound. The proceeds go into the treasury. All dealings in cattle, chiefly off the Terrazas ranches, are affairs of state, directed by Pancho Villa.

Confirming assertions of Villa, that although his power is supreme in Chihuahua state, he nevertheless is second to Gen. Carranza, all the official documents refer to Carranza as the chief. This is set forth in the "Periodico Oficial" in which Carranza's decrees are published. Headquarters of the Terrazas and other rich families continue to fall into the hands of the rebels, who use them as government stables and quarrels.

SHIPS 29 CARS OF CATTLE TO FT. WORTH

The Corgins Cattle company has shipped 29 cars of cattle to the Port of Worth recently. The shipment included 700 head of steers.

\$4,000,000 LIMIT BID FOR RAILROAD, ASSERTION.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 2.—Any amount above \$4,000,000 would be an excessive bid for the assets of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient railway, according to a telegram from a representative of the financiers interested in the prospective sale of the road, read at a hearing before Judge John O. Pollock, in the federal court here today.

Judge Pollock began a hearing to adjust claims against the railroad, preparatory to making a decree for the sale of the assets of the Orient road, which has been in the hands of receivers since March, 1912.

CHARGED WITH USING CHILDREN IN SMUGGLING

Two Mexicans, Manuel Ramos and Jose Acero, were arrested Saturday afternoon by government officers and are charged in the complaint with having employed a Mexican boy and girl to carry ammunition across the river. They will be given a preliminary trial this week.

DIES IN A CHAIR AT UNION STATION

New York Man Is Taken From Train in Dying Condition: Was En Route Home From Phoenix, Ariz.

Karl A. Kurt Helm, of Haverstraw, N. Y., died Sunday afternoon in a chair in the union station a few minutes after being taken from Southern Pacific train No. 2, from the west. Helm was en route from Phoenix, Ariz., to his home in New York. He was about 45 years of age. Heart failure, superinduced by tuberculosis, is thought to have been the cause of death.

Coroner E. B. McIlhenny was called to hold an inquest over the remains. Helm was well dressed and apparently in good circumstances. He had \$200 in his pockets besides a fine gold watch. His identity was established by letters and cards in his possession.

The remains were taken to a local undertaking establishment and efforts are being made to get in communication with relatives.

BOY LOSES LIFE UNDER FREIGHT CAR

An attempt to get a ride on a string of moving freight cars Sunday afternoon on the Texas & Pacific railway tracks at Sixth and Cotton avenue, east of the city, resulted in the death of a boy. The boy slipped and fell under the wheels. Both legs were crushed. He was rushed to the county hospital, where an attempt was made to save his life. The limbs were amputated. Weak from the loss of blood, the lad died at 7 o'clock.

The boy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Cisneros, who reside on South Cotton avenue.

FUNERAL OF W. F. PAYRAM

The funeral of William F. Payram, who was accidentally shot and killed by his wife last Thursday night, will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, from 508 Texas street. Interment will be made in the Evergreen cemetery. The local Bricklayers' union will have charge of the funeral. The Eagles of which the deceased was a member, will conduct the funeral services at the grave.

A. L. Dan, in the examining trial before Judge James J. Murphy, testified that on the night of the killing Payram came into the house two or three minutes before Mrs. Payram arrived. Payram stated that she was paying the chauffeur who brought Mr. Payram and herself home and that was the reason he entered the house after her husband, Mrs. Ernest Ward, of Horton, Kas., a sister of Mrs. Payram, arrived Monday morning and will remain with Mrs. Payram for some time.

WILLIAM PAYRAM

William Payram, president of the El Paso Bricklayers' union, who was shot and killed by his wife Friday morning at their home, in Frutas street, will be buried Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the chapel at 508 Texas street. Payram was a member of the local lodge of Eagles and that lodge will officiate at the burial. Mrs. Ernest Ward, sister of Mrs. Payram, is expected to arrive in El Paso today from Horton, Kas. Mrs. Payram is in the county jail, where she was taken after the killing of her husband. Relatives of Payram in Denver have been notified of his death, but it is not known whether any of them will come here to attend the funeral.

J. ZUNIGA

J. Zuniga, a Juarez customs service man, aged 51, died at a local hospital Sunday night at 8:30. Zuniga was shot in the leg while interfering between Enrique Lopez and his wife in a family fight in Juarez. Lopez was killed. The body of Zuniga was badly shattered by a bullet fired at Lopez and an operation was necessary. Blood poisoning was the cause of death. Zuniga was the father-in-law of Dagoberto, city detective of El Paso. The funeral service will be held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from the First Baptist church and the burial will be in Evergreen cemetery.

MRS. CAROLYN MOHRING

Mrs. Carolyn Mohring, aged 87 years, died Saturday night at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Gus Bahner, 604 San Francisco street. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Paulina Romal, Mrs. Rosa Bahner and Mrs. Ida Person, of Kingsbury, Tex.; 12 grandchildren, including Mrs. Yossie Tappan, Mrs. Paul Keating and Mrs. William Bonta, of El Paso. Twenty-two great grandchildren also survive her. Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the chapel at 508 Texas street. Rev. C. Wesley Webdel will officiate.

MRS. J. E. APPLIGATE

Mrs. J. E. Appligate, of Dallas, Tex., died in a local hospital Monday morning. She came to El Paso a short time ago in search of health. The body will be shipped to Dallas for burial. Mrs. Appligate's husband will accompany the remains.

JOHN HOWARD COOPER

John Howard Cooper, aged 25, died Monday morning at his residence, 207 Montana street. The body was shipped Monday afternoon to his former home in Pittsburgh, Pa., accompanied by the widow of the deceased.

FEDERAL PRISONER DIES

A Mexican federal prisoner died at the Fort Bliss camp Sunday of heart disease. This is the third death that has occurred among the adult prisoners at the camp.

MRS. KATHERINE WHITE

The body of Mrs. Katherine White, who died in a local hospital Saturday evening, will be shipped Monday night to Marshall, Tex., for burial.

REHEARSING OF TAX CASE IS DENIED

Denver, Colo., Feb. 2.—The state supreme court today denied a rehearing in the tax case involving the effect of the state tax commission to adjust tax assessments as between counties. Under the recent decision of the supreme court, the power of the state tax commission in tax matters was confirmed. The effect of the ruling was to approve an increase in the assessment for Denver and several other counties. This probably ends the tax litigation unless attorneys for Clair J. Pitcher, assessor of Denver county, should appeal to the United States supreme court.

HABEAS CORPUS DECISION TO BE RENDERED WEDNESDAY

Trinidad, Colo., Feb. 2.—The decision of Judge A. W. McFadden in the habeas corpus proceeding instituted against the military authorities on behalf of four military prisoners will be rendered Wednesday. The proceedings were instituted for the right of military authorities to arrest and detain citizens in connection with strike disorders.

HALF OF YEAR'S SCHOOL FUND IS APPOINTED

Austin, Texas, Feb. 2.—State superintendent of schools Daugherty today announced the apportionment of the school funds for February. The amount apportioned being \$2,999,714. The per capita is \$3, which is the largest apportionment of the school year so far, it is based on 1,048,570 pupils. There has thus far been apportioned \$250 per capita, or one-half of the entire apportionment for the year.

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